

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL  
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

April 7, 2010

In attendance at the April 7, 2010 Finance Committee meeting were Bill Allen, John Ellard, Rich Penney, Bob MacDonald, Joe Gambon, Julie Shaffer, Rachel Gear, Dolores Baronas and Paula Ferguson. Absent were Ian Curran and Caryn Stevens.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard.

A motion was made by Rich Penney and seconded by Bill Allen to accept the minutes from the March 31, 2010 meeting. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Reserve Fund Transfer Request:** Eric Hart asked for a transfer request for \$894 for assessment of the Police and Fire Department computer systems. Police Chief John Llewelyn would like to update his computer system but was not willing to let a computer company that he knew nothing about have access to police files. The Police Department is also tied into four federal computer systems. He did not like the contract as written with access to passwords and log ins and was not for the transfer request. Deputy Fire Chief Bill Ferguson was also against the request as there is also sensitive material on their computer system regarding arson investigations and also privacy issues with medical information. Mr. Hart withdrew the transfer request.

**Town Meeting Articles:**

Article 13 regarding removing the deputy police chief from Civil Service: Bill Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Rich Penney, 5 voted for, 2 against (Bob and Joe). Paula abstained.

Article 14 regarding police motorcycles, Bob made a motion to table it, seconded by Bill. A unanimous vote was taken.

Article 15 regarding 2 Police Cruiser purchases: Bill made a motion to pass over, seconded by Rich. 7 for, 1 opposed (Bob)

Article 17 regarding leasing of 2 Police Cruisers: Joe made a motion to table, seconded by Bob. A unanimous vote was taken.

Article 22 and 24 and 26, Julie made a motion to disapprove, seconded by Bill. 7 voted for, one opposed (Paula).

Article 27 regarding the lease of a 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck. Rich made the motion to disapprove, seconded by Dolores. 5 for, 3 against (Bill, Julie and Paula).

Article 23 and 25, Bill made a motion to table to see what Capital Planning says, seconded by Julie, 7 in favor, 1 against (Bob). Eric Hart mentioned that all articles referred to Capital Planning also need to be voted on by the Finance Committee. John Ellard with check with Attorney Clifford regarding this. Capital Planning will be invited to our next meeting. John Ellard will check with them about this. The Deputy Fire Chief went to Capital Planning regarding Articles 22-25.

Article 21 regarding the revolving accounts: Julie made the motion to approve, seconded by Rachel, a unanimous vote to approve was taken.

Article 35 regarding the revolving account for the Library, Bill made a motion to disapprove, seconded by Julie, 6 voted for, 2 against (Bob and Paula)

**IT COMMITTEE:** Eric Hart and Bill Minahan requested to be put on the agenda to present their ideas regarding upgrades to the computer system of the town hall and school. They are looking at back up and disaster recovery. Also replacement of 5 computers per year in the town hall. Currently the computers have not been replaced in 6 years. There is also old wiring causing the inability of wireless. They would like a separate budget of \$98570.30 to keep things upgraded. Mr. Hart suggested they could take \$30750 from his budget which he has allocated for computer services and Mr. Minahan suggested the balance could come out of overlay reserve. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rachel to create a separate budget for the IT Committee. 7 for, 1 opposed (Bob). No money was transferred to fund this budget.

Rich Penney discussed the progress of the School Building Committee: They currently have a construction manager, Mr. Agostini who is based out of Rhode Island. They were part of the building of the Whitman/Hanson High School. The Project Manager is Sean Fennel.

A motion was made by Rachel, seconded by Joe to adjourn. A unanimous vote was taken. The meeting adjourned at 8:57.

Our next meeting is April 14, 2010 at 6:30 in the lower conference hall of the Town Hall.

The current balance of the reserve fund is \$35,000.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Ferguson  
Secretary  
Rockland Finance Committee